

Appl. No. 10/815,149
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ELECTION/REMARKS

In the Action, restriction has been required between the following inventions as provided in three groups of claims

- I. Claims 1-9, drawn to a surgical clip applier, classified in class 606, subclass 143
- II. Claims 10-18, drawn to a jaw for a surgical clip, classified in class 606, subclass 142.
- III. Claims 19-23, drawn to method for operating a surgical clip, classified in class 606, subclass 139

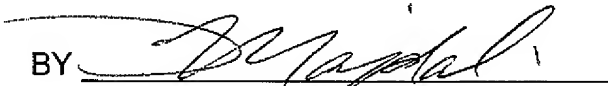
In response to the election/restriction requirement, Applicant provisionally elects Group II, namely Claims 10-18. This election is made without traverse.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application and allowance of the pending claims. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference with Applicants' attorney might expedite prosecution of the Application, the Examiner is invited to call at the telephone number indicated below

Sincerely,

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